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Re Venezuelan Patent Application
PM 1321
Your File: 30590

Dear John:

Jeff Ingerman asked me to respond to your 23rd August letter with respect to this application.

Regarding whether claims 1-13 and 28-30 are statutory subject matter under Venezuelan patent law, I recommend following the advice of the Venezuelan Associate, whether that advice be to cancel the claims, to amend the claims so that they define statutory subject matter, or to traverse the rejection and pursue the claims as patentable under Venezuelan law. Hopefully, the Associate's further explanation will shed more light on our options.

Accordingly, if deletion of claims 1-13 and 28-30 is unavoidable, we would agree with your proposal to cancel those claims and to modify claim 14 as the base independent claim.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Isackson

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